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Notice of Allowability

Application No. **09/594,525**

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Emmanuel M. Marcelo

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.	1
1. This communication is responsive to	
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12	
3. X The drawings filed on are acceptable as formal drawings.	
 4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 	
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.	
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.	
Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). *Certified copies not received:	
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6. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.	
7. Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS	
(a) 🗌 including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached	
1) I hereto or 2) I to Paper No	
(b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed, which has been approved by the examiner.	
(c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No	
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.	
8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.	
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Attachment(s)	
Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2 Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)	
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-12 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the entire combination of elements set forth including at least one washer made of friction imparting material having a high coefficient of friction and ears extending from the periphery thereof. While the prior art, for example Councilman (U.S. Patent no. 4,488,689) teaches friction washers made of different materials to obtain different drag setting ranges, it does not teach those washer to have "ears" extending from the periphery thereof as required by instant claim 1. The prior art of record, absent applicant's disclosure, does not teach or provide the proper motivation to modify, for example, Councilman '689 to have "ears" as required by claim 1.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel M. Marcelo whose telephone number is (703) 305-6597.

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PATENT EXAMINER

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July 16, 2001